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Minutes of the Senate Committee on Government Oversight

Monday, February 8, 2021

The Senate Committee on Government Oversight met on Monday, February 8, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Marty Harbin (16th), Chairman
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th)
Sen. Kim Jackson (41st)
Sen. Nikki Merritt (9th)
Sen. Sheikh Rahman (5th)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)

NOTE: Sen. Blake Tillery (19th), Sen. Billy Hickman (4th), Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Sen. Bo Hatchett (50th), Sen. Burt Jones (25th), Sen. Butch Miller (49th) were absent.

Chairman Harbin (16th), convened the meeting at 12:02 p.m.

Sen. Harbin (16th) presented suggested 2021 Government Oversight Committee Rules to the Committee. Noted only change from the 2020 Rules is the change to the amount needed for a quorum and the addition to rule three.

The Chair recognized Sen. Seay (34th) who made a motion to adopt the Committee Rules. Sen. Dolezal (27th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously. A copy of the rules is attached.

SR 37 (Sen. Dolezal, 27th, LC 47 0696) Members of the Senate; four-year term of office; provide

The Chair stated that SR 37 would receive a hearing only.

The Chair recognized Sen. Dolezal (27th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Dolezal (27th) presented the bill to the committee.

Committee Recommendation: SR 37 (LC 47 0696) No action was taken

Chairman Harbin (16th) adjourned the meeting at 12:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Marty Harbin (16th), Chairman

/s/ Jenna Does, Recording Secretary

RULES

Senate Government Oversight Committee

2021 – 2022 Legislative Session

1. Quorum of the Committee shall be Six (6) members.
2. The Chairman shall determine which cases or investigations shall be heard and the order in which said hearings are to commence.
3. The Committee will not hear a bill unless the Chairman receives a written request for a hearing from the author of the bill. Such a letter does not obligate the Chairman to hear the bill.
4. The Chairman shall have the authority to refer cases or investigations to subcommittee for study. Such subcommittees, in turn, shall have the authority to make recommendations on such cases to the full Committee.
5. The Committee shall convene, recess, put forward questions and adjourn upon order of the Chairman, subject to the Rules of the Senate.
6. Any member or members of the Committee who disagree with the majority report of the Committee shall be privileged to file a minority report.
7. At the discretion of the Chairman and subsequent to the meeting in which the rules are adopted, all amendments or substitute bills must be submitted to chairman at least 24 hours before adoption by the committee.
8. If a committee member moves on a House bill without a Senate sponsor, that committee member will be listed as the senate sponsor of the bill.
9. After adoption, these rules may be amended upon motion duly made, seconded, and subsequently approved by a two-thirds vote of the members of the Committee.
10. The Secretary of the Committee shall distribute a copy of these rules to all members of the Senate Government Oversight Committee.
11. Anyone who wishes to record the proceedings of a meeting shall make the request of the Chairman who will assign a location within the meeting room for the setup and operation of the recording equipment if space allows.
12. Where these rules are silent on a specific issue, the Rules of the Senate, as adopted, shall govern.

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Government Oversight

Wednesday, February 17, 2021

The Senate Committee on Government Oversight met on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Marty Harbin (16th), Chairman
Sen. Billy Hickman (4th), Secretary
Sen. Bo Hatchett (50th)
Sen. Kim Jackson (41st)
Sen. Nikki Merritt (9th)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Ex-Officio (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th) (*Left Early*)

NOTE: Sen. Blake Tillery (19th), Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th), Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Sen. Burt Jones (25th), Sen. Butch Miller (49th), Sen. Sheikh Rahman (5th) were absent.

Chairman Harbin (16th), convened the meeting at 8:06 a.m.

SR 28 (Sen. Cowsert, 46th, LC 28 0024) **United States Congress; call a convention; limit on the number of terms that a person may be elected; United States House of Representatives; request**

The Chair recognized Sen. Bill Cowsert (46th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Cowsert (46th) presented the bill to the committee.

NOTE: Sen. Robertson (29th) arrived at 8:16 a.m.

The Chair opened the floor for debate.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public. He recognized the following:

Testimony in favor of the Bill:

Ken Quinn, Regional Director for U.S. Term Limits
Dr. John Cowan, Chairman of U.S. Term Limits in Georgia
Bryon Shehee- State Director of U.S. Term Limits in Georgia

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

Suzi Voyles, Eagle Forum

The Chair recognized Sen. Jackson (41st) who made a **motion to table SR 28**. Sen. Seay (34th), seconded the motion. The motion failed by 3-4 vote.

Sen. Jackson (41st), Sen. Merritt (9th), Sen. Seay (34th) voted in favor the motion.

Sen. Harbin (16th), Sen. Hatchett (50th), Sen. Hickman (4th), Sen. Robertson (29th) voted against the motion.

The Chair recognized Sen. Hickman (4th), who made a motion that **SR 28 Do Pass (LC 28 0024)**. Sen. Hatchett (50th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4-3.

Sen. Harbin (16th), Sen. Hatchett (50th), Sen. Hickman (4th), Sen. Robertson (29th) voted in favor the motion.

Sen. Jackson (41st), Sen. Merritt (9th), Sen. Seay (34th) voted against the motion.

Committee Recommendation: SR 28 DO PASS (LC 28 0024)

SR 29 (Sen. Cowsert, 46th, LC 43 1780) Article V of the United States Constitution; a convention of the states; apply to Congress for balanced budget amendment

The Chair recognized Sen. Cowsert (46th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Cowsert (46th) presented the bill to the committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public. He recognized the following:

Testimony in favor of the Bill:

Ken Quinn, Regional Director of U.S. Term Limits

Dr. John Cowan, Chairman of U.S. Term Limits in Georgia

Bryon Shehee- State Director of U.S. Term Limits in Georgia

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

Suzi Voyles, Eagle Forum

The Chair recognized Sen. Hickman (4th), who made a motion that **SR 29 Do Pass (LC 43 1780)**. Sen. Hatchett (50th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4-3.

Sen. Harbin (16th), Sen. Hatchett (50th), Sen. Hickman (4th), and Sen. Robertson (29th) voted in favor the motion.

Sen. Jackson (41st), Sen. Merritt (9th), and Sen. Seay (34th), voted against the motion.

Committee Recommendation: SR 29 DO PASS (Sen. Bill Cowsert, 46th, LC 43 1780)

SB 100 (Sen. Watson, 1st, LC 46 0313) State Government; this state shall observe standard time year round; provide

The Chair recognized Sen. Ben Watson (1st) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Watson (1st) presented the bill to the committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public. He recognized the following:

Testimony in favor of the Bill:

None

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

Diane Shackelford, Accountant with CPA license in Georgia

NOTE: Sen. Seay (34th) left at 9:00 a.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Robertson (29th), who made a motion that **SB 100 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 46 0414S)**. Sen. Hickman (4th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 4-1.

Sen. Hatchett (50th), Sen. Hickman (4th), Sen. Merritt (9th), Sen. Robertson (29th) voted in favor the motion.

Sen. Jackson (41st) voted against the motion.

Committee Recommendation: SB 100 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 46 0414S)

Chairman Harbin (16th) adjourned the meeting at 9:14 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Billy Hickman (4th), Secretary

/s/ Jenna Does, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Government Oversight

Tuesday, February 23, 2021

The Senate Committee on Government Oversight met on Tuesday, February 23, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Marty Harbin (16th), Chairman
Sen. Blake Tillery (19th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Billy Hickman (4th), Secretary
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th)
Sen. Bo Hatchett (50th)
Sen. Kim Jackson (41st)
Sen. Burt Jones (25th)
Sen. Nikki Merritt (9th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Butch Miller (49th), Ex-Officio (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Sheikh Rahman (5th)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)

NOTE: Sen. Mike Dugan (30th) was absent.

Chairman Harbin (16th), convened the meeting at 8:04 a.m.

SR 37 (Sen. Dolezal, 27th, LC 47 0696) Members of the Senate; four-year term of office; provide

The Chair recognized Sen. Dolezal (27th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Dolezal (27th) presented the bill to the committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate.

The Chair recognized Sen. Jones (25th) who made a motion that **SR 37 Do Pass (LC 47 0696)**. Sen. Robertson (29th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7-2

Sen. Tillery (19th), Sen. Hickman (4th), Sen. Dolezal (27th), Sen. Hatchett (50th), Sen. Jones (25th), Sen. Miller (49th), Sen. Robertson (29th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Jackson (41st), Sen. Seay (34th) voted against the motion.

Committee Recommendation: SR 37 DO PASS (LC 47 0696)

SB 120 (Sen. Tippins, 37th, LC 28 0042) Solicitors-General of State Courts; honorary office of solicitor-general emeritus; provide

NOTE: Sen. Merritt (9th) arrived at 8:10 a.m. Sen. Rahman (5th) arrived at 8:13 a.m.

The Chair recognized Sen. Tippins (37th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Tippins (37th) presented the bill to the committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public. He recognized the following:

Testimony in favor of the Bill:

Barry Morgan, Solicitor General of Cobb County

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

None

The Chair opened the floor for debate.

The Chair recognized Sen. Jackson (41st) who made a motion that **SB 120 Do Pass (LC 28 0042)**. Sen. Robertson (29th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SB 120 DO PASS (LC 28 0042)

SB 144 (Sen. Tippins, 37th, LC 47 0636) Housing Authorities; ability of city housing authorities to operate outside municipal boundaries without authorization; limit

The Chair recognized Sen. Tippins (37th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Tippins (37th) presented the bill to the committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate.

The Chair recognized Sen. Miller (49th) who made a motion that **SB 144 Do Pass (LC 47 0636)**. Sen. Robertson (29th) seconded the motion. The motion passed by a vote of 7-4

Sen. Tillery (19th), Sen. Hickman (4th), Sen. Dolezal (27th), Sen. Hatchett (50th), Sen. Jones (25th), Sen. Miller (49th), Sen. Robertson (29th) voted in favor of the motion.

Sen. Jackson (41st), Sen. Merritt (9th), Sen. Rahman (5th), Sen. Seay (34th) voted against the motion.

Committee Recommendation: SB 144 DO PASS (LC 47 0636)

Chairman Harbin (16th) adjourned the meeting at 8:33 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Billy Hickman (4th), Secretary

/s/ Jenna Does, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Government Oversight

Thursday, February 25, 2021

The Senate Committee on Government Oversight met on Thursday, February 25, 2021 at 4:30 p.m. in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Marty Harbin (16th), Chairman
Sen. Blake Tillery (19th), Vice-Chairman
Sen. Billy Hickman (4th), Secretary
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Bo Hatchett (50th)
Sen. Nikki Merritt (9th)
Sen. Sheikh Rahman (5th)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Ex-Officio

NOTE: Sen. Kim Jackson (41st), Sen. Burt Jones (25th), Sen. Butch Miller (49th), Sen. Valencia Seay (34th) were absent.

Chairman Harbin (16th), convened the meeting at 4:53 p.m.

SB 95 (Sen. Ginn, 47th, LC 47 0764) State Government; conditions for meetings and public hearings to be held by teleconference in emergency conditions; provide

The Chair recognized Sen. Frank Ginn (47th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Ginn (47th) presented the bill to the committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate.

The Chair recognized Sen. Dugan (30th) who made a motion that **SB 95 Do Pass (LC 47 0764)**. Sen. Dolezal (27th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SB 95 DO PASS LC 47 0764

SB 152 (Sen. Robertson, 29th, LC 36 4618) State and Other Flags; pledge of allegiance to the state flag; add language

The Chair recognized Sen. Robertson (29th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Robertson (29th) presented the bill to the committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate.

The Chair recognized Sen. Hatchett (50th) who made a motion that **SB 152 Do Pass (LC 36 4618)**. Sen. Tillery (19th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SB 152 DO PASS LC 36 4618

SB 200 (Sen. Anavitarte, 31st, LC 47 0778) Emergency Powers of the Governor; certain business and religious institutions may continue to resume operations; certain states of emergency; provide

The Chair recognized Sen. Jason Anavitarte (31st) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Anavitarte (31st) presented the bill to the committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate.

The Chair recognized Sen. Tillery (19th) who made a motion that **SB 200 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 47 0885S)**. Sen. Dugan (30th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SB 200 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUE (LC 47 0885S)

Chairman Harbin (16th) adjourned the meeting at 5:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Billy Hickman (4th), Secretary

/s/ Jenna Does, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Government Oversight

Tuesday, March 2, 2021

The Senate Committee on Government Oversight met on Tuesday, March 2, 2021 at 11:00 a.m. in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Marty Harbin (16th), Chairman
Sen. Kim Jackson (41st)
Sen. Nikki Merritt (9th)
Sen. Butch Miller (49th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Sheikh Rahman (5th)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)

NOTE: Sen. Blake Tillery (19th), Sen. Billy Hickman (4th), Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th), Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Sen. Bo Hatchett (50th), Sen. Burt Jones (25th), Sen. Randy Robertson (29th) were absent.

Chairman Harbin (16th), convened the meeting at 11:10 a.m.

SB 218 (Sen. Walker, 20th, LC 28 0123) Vacation of Office; suspension of compensation for certain public officers who are suspended because of indictment for a felony; provide

The Chair recognized Sen. Larry Walker (20th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Walker (20th) presented the bill to the committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public. He recognized the following:

Testimony in favor of the Bill:

Weston Burleson, Insurance and Safety Fire Commissioner Office

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

None

The Chair opened the floor for debate.

The Chair recognized Sen. Miller (49th) who made a motion that **SB 218 Do Pass (LC 28 0123)**. Sen. Seay (34th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SB 218 DO PASS (LC 28 0123)

SR 134 (Sen. Walker, 20th, LC 28 0124) Public Officers; suspension of compensation; felony; provide

The Chair recognized Sen. Walker (20th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Walker (20th) presented the bill to the committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate.

The Chair recognized Sen. Seay (34th) who made a motion that **SR 134 Do Pass (LC 28 0124)**. Sen. Rahman (5th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SR 134 DO PASS (LC 28 0124)

SB 108 (Sen. Davenport, 44th, LC 33 8596) Commission for the Blind and the Visually Impaired; create

The Chair recognized Sen. Gail Davenport (44th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Sen. Davenport (44th) presented the bill to the committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public. He recognized the following:

Testimony in favor of the Bill:

Danielle McIntyre, has a visually impaired mother

Betsy Grenevitch, Georgia council of the Blind

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

None

The Chair opened the floor for debate.

The Chair recognized Sen. Seay (34th) who made a motion that **SB 108 Do Pass (LC 33 8596)**. Sen. Jackson (41st) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: SB 108 DO PASS (LC 33 8596)

Chairman Harbin (16th) adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Marty Harbin (16th), Chairman

/s/ Jenna Does, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Government Oversight

Monday, March 15, 2021

The Senate Committee on Government Oversight met on Monday, March 15, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Marty Harbin (16th), Chairman
Sen. Billy Hickman (4th), Secretary (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th),
Sen. Bo Hatchett (50th)
Sen. Kim Jackson (41st)
Sen. Nikki Merritt (9th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Butch Miller (49th), Ex-Officio
Sen. Sheikh Rahman (5th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Ex-Officio (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)

NOTE: Sen. Blake Tillery (19th), Sen. Mike Dugan (30th), Sen. Burt Jones (25th), were absent.

Chairman Harbin (16th), convened the meeting at 8:04 a.m.

NOTE: Sen. Merritt (9th) arrived at 8:06 a.m., Sen. Robertson (29th) arrived at 8:07 a.m.

HB 161 (Rep. Tankersley, 160th, LC 47 0735) Local government; downtown development authorities; remove provision providing perpetual existence to such authorities

The Chair recognized Rep. Jan Tankersley (160th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Tankersley (160th) presented the bill to the committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate.

The Chair recognized Sen. Miller (49th) who made a motion that **HB 161 Do Pass (LC 47 0735)**. Sen. Seay (34th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 161 DO PASS (LC 47 0735)

HR 130 (Rep. McDonald, 26th, LC 44 1629) Board of Community Affairs; approving transfer of Forsyth County from Georgia Mountains Regional Commission to Atlanta Regional Commission; ratify action

The Chair recognized Rep. Lauren McDonald (26th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. McDonald (26th) presented the bill to the committee.

NOTE: Sen. Billy Hickman (4th) arrived at 8:11 a.m.

The Chair opened the floor for debate.

The Chair recognized Sen. Jackson (41st) who made a motion that **HR 130 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 44 1725S)**. Sen. Dolezal (27th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HR 130 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 44 1725S)

HB 92 (Rep Gambill, 15th, LC 33 8488) Health; transfer of vital records to State Archives; revise provisions

The Chair recognized Rep. Matthew Gambill (15th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep Gambill (15th) presented the bill to the committee.

NOTE: Sen. Rahman (5th) arrived at 8:15 a.m.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public. He recognized the following:

Testimony in favor of the Bill:

Elizabeth Olsen, Professional genealogists/ Gwinnett historical society

Kirk Canady, Johns Creek historical society

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

Megan Andrews, Georgia Department of Public Health

Christopher Harrison, Georgia Department of Public Health

The Chair opened the floor for debate.

The Chair recognized Sen. Robertson (29th) who made a motion that **HB 92 (LC 44 1725S) DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE**.

After further discussion, the Chair recognized Sen. Miller (49th) who made a motion to **Postpone HB 92 (LC 44 1725S)**. Sen. Robertson (29th) seconded the motion to postpone and withdrew his motion to DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE. The motion to postpone passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 92 (LC 44 1725S) No action was taken

HB 44 (Rep. Cantrell, 22nd, LC 47 0640) State government; Georgia shall observe daylight savings time year round; provide

The Chair stated that HB 44 would receive a hearing only.

The Chair recognized Rep. Wes Cantrell (22nd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Cantrell (22nd) presented the bill to the committee.

Committee Recommendation: HB 44 (LC 47 0640) No action was taken

Chairman Harbin (16th) adjourned the meeting at 8:51 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Marty Harbin (16th), Chairman

/s/ Jenna Does, Recording Secretary

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Government Oversight

Tuesday, March 16, 2021

The Senate Committee on Government Oversight met on Tuesday, March 16, 2021 at 8:00 a.m. in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Marty Harbin (16th), Chairman
Sen. Billy Hickman (4th), Secretary
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Bo Hatchett (50th)
Sen. Kim Jackson (41st) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Nikki Merritt (9th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Sheikh Rahman (5th) (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Ex-Officio (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)
Sen. Ben Watson (1st), Ex-Officio

NOTE: Sen. Blake Tillery (19th), Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th), Sen. Burt Jones (25th), Sen. Butch Miller (49th) were absent.

NOTE: Sen. Ben Watson (1st) was appointed as an Ex- Officio, by the committee on Assignments, to the Senate Committee on Government Oversight for the meeting held on March 16, 2021. A copy of the letter of appointment is attached.

Chairman Harbin (16th), convened the meeting at 8:10 a.m.

HB 44 (Rep. Cantrell, 22nd, LC 46 0640) State government; Georgia shall observe daylight savings time year round; provide

The Chair recognized Rep. Wes Cantrell (22nd) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Cantrell (22nd) presented the bill to the committee. The Chair then recognized Sen. Watson (1st) for the purpose of explaining the Senate substitute to the bill.

The Chair opened the floor for debate.

The Chair recognized Sen. Dugan (30th) who made a motion that **HB 44 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 46 0458S)**. Sen. Seay (34th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 44 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 46 0458S)

HB 92 (Rep. Gambill, 15th, LC 33 8488) Health; transfer of vital records to State Archives; revise provisions

The Chair recognized Rep. Matthew Gambill (15th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Gambill (15th) presented the bill to the committee.

The Chair opened the floor for comments from the public. He recognized the following:

Testimony in favor of the Bill:

Elizabeth Olsen, Professional genealogists/ Gwinnett historical society
John Lord, Georgia Electric life safety systems

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:

Katie Smith, Georgia Department of Public Health

The Chair opened the floor for debate.

NOTE: Sen. Merritt (9th) arrived at 8:15 a.m. Sen. Rahman (5th) arrived at 8:18 a.m., Sen. Jackson arrived at 8:19 a.m., and Sen. Robertson (29th) arrived at 8:24 a.m.

The Chair moved to postpone consideration of the proposed substitute for HB 92 (LC 44 1725S) until the following meeting.

Committee Recommendation: HB 92 (LC 33 8488) No action was taken

HB 465 (Rep. Gullet 19th, LC 36 4753S) Local government; imposing civil penalties upon an alarm systems contractor for a false alarm that occurs through no fault of alarm systems contractor; prohibit

The Chair recognized Rep. Joseph Gullet (19th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Gullet (19th) presented the bill to the committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate.

The Chair recognized Sen. Seay (34th) who made a motion that **HB 465 Do Pass (LC 36 4753S)**. Sen. Robertson (29th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 465 DO PASS (LC 36 4753S).

HB 248 (Rep. Powell, 32nd, LC 39 2818) Motor vehicles; local governing body to apply for a permit to operate a traffic enforcement safety device which enforces the speed limit in a school zone by recorded image; authorize

The Chair stated that HB 248 would receive a hearing only.

The Chair recognized Chuck McMullen for the purpose of presenting the bill. Mr. McMullen presented the bill to the committee.

Testimony in favor of the Bill:

Tom Gehl, Georgia Municipal Association
Tim Gould, City of Smyrna
Mike Beller, Chamblee Police Department
Billy Grogan, Dunwoody Police Department
Garry Yandura, Brookhaven Police Department

Testimony in opposition to the Bill:
Gretchen Walton. Cobb County School District

Committee Recommendation: HB 248 (LC 39 2818) No action was taken

Chairman Harbin (16th) adjourned the meeting at 9:04 a.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Billy Hickman (4th), Secretary

/s/ Jenna Does, Recording Secretary



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GEOFF DUNCAN
LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

March 16, 2021

Mr. David Cook
Secretary of the Senate
353 State Capitol
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Dear Mr. Cook,

In accordance with the Senate Rules, and in agreement with the Senate Committee on Assignments, I hereby appoint **Senator Ben Watson** to serve as an **Ex-Officio for the Senate Government Oversight Committee meeting today at 8am.**

Sincerely,

Geoff Duncan
Lt. Governor of Georgia

cc: Appointee
Legislative Fiscal Office
Committee Chairman

Minutes of the Senate Committee on Government Oversight

Wednesday, March 24, 2021

The Senate Committee on Government Oversight met on Wednesday, March 24, 2021 at 12:00 p.m. in Room 450 of the State Capitol. The following Committee Members were in attendance:

Sen. Marty Harbin (16th), Chairman
Sen. Billy Hickman (4th), Secretary
Sen. Greg Dolezal (27th)
Sen. Mike Dugan (30th)
Sen. Kim Jackson (41st)
Sen. Burt Jones (25th)
Sen. Nikki Merritt (9th)
Sen. Sheikh Rahman (5th)
Sen. Randy Robertson (29th), Ex-Officio (*Arrived Late*)
Sen. Valencia Seay (34th)

NOTE: Sen. Blake Tillery (19th), Sen. Bo Hatchett (50th), Sen. Butch Miller (49th) were absent.
Chairman Harbin (16th), convened the meeting at 12:00 p.m.

[HB 92](#) (Rep. Gambill, 15th, LC 33 8488) Health; transfer of vital records to State Archives; revise provisions

The Chair recognized Rep. Matthew Gambill (15th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Gambill (15th) presented the bill to the committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate.

The Chair recognized Sen. Dugan (30th) who made a motion **HB 92 Do Pass by substitute (LC 33 8768S)**. Sen. Seay (34th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 92 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 33 8768S)

NOTE: Sen. Robertson (29th) arrived at 12:05 p.m.

[HB 619](#) (Rep. Houston, 170th, LC 44 1685) Heritage trust program; sale of Patrick's Fishing Paradise to a private entity; authorize

The Chair recognized Rep. Penny Houston (170th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep. Houston (170th) presented the bill to the committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate.

The Chair recognized Sen. Jones (25th) who made a motion **HB 619 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 44 1746S)**. Sen. Seay (34th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 619 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 44 1746S).

**HB 409 (Rep. Gunter, 8th, LC 41 2952S) Judicial Legal Defense Fund Commission;
establish**

The Chair recognized Rep. Stan Gunter (8th) for the purpose of presenting the bill. Rep Gunter (8th) presented the bill to the committee.

The Chair opened the floor for debate.

The Chair recognized Sen. Robertson (29th) who made a motion **HB 409 Do Pass by Substitute (LC 41 3152S)**. Sen. Dugan (30th) seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Recommendation: HB 92 DO PASS BY SUBSTITUTE (LC 41 3152S).

Chairman Harbin (16th) adjourned the meeting at 12:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/ Sen. Billy Hickman (4th), Secretary

/s/ Jenna Does, Recording Secretary